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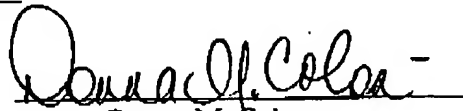
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

A telephone interview between the undersigned and Examiner Richard Shaffer was conducted on May 12, 2006. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 38 and 41 were discussed. The Examiner sought authorization to place claims 3 and 5 in independent form. Further discussion was directed towards claim 38 to assure no new matter was being added with the revised language. Although Applicant disagreed with the Examiner's contention regarding the lack of functionality of claim 41, Applicant authorized the cancellation of claim 41 to expedite prosecution of the application.

It is requested that this document be made of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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